(4) If so, what is the reason for such a difference of procedure in the same department?

(5) Are recommendations for promotions received from private schools?

(6) Does the Manager ever recommend pupils for promotion over and above those included in the promotion list sent by the Headmaster?

(7) In such cases, does the inspecting officer sanction the recommendations without ascertaining the opinion of the Headmaster?

(8) Is it a fact that, from an English school for girls in Central Travancore, recommendations for promotions were made by the Manager over and above those included in the list by the Headmaster and that those recommendations were sanctioned by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools?

(9) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the schools from which the Inspectress of Girls' Schools has received promotion lists with recommendations from the respective Managers, showing also the number so recommended from each school and the number promoted?

MR. S. RARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) The member is referred to Rule 87 of the Education Code.

(2) The Headmaster.

(3) The promotion lists in both boys' and girls' schools can be published by Headmasters in accordance with Rule 87 of the Education Code without previous departmental sanction. But promotions from class IV of Vernacular schools (both boys' and girls') can be published only after the approval of the inspecting officers has been obtained, as the question papers and the answer papers have to be checked by them. There is no difference of procedure with regard to boys' and girls' schools.

(4) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (3).

(5) Recommendations are sometimes received by the inspecting officers from private schools as well as from departmental schools for the promotion of pupils in cases which require special consideration on account of shortage of attendance or absence from school examinations.

(6) Yes.

(7) and (8) The answer is in the negative.

(9) The Government are unable to answer the question as the year has not been specified.

Auction of Liquor Shops.

28. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, in the recent abkari auction, the Excise Commissioner has confirmed many shops in the names of lower bidders, when there were higher bidders for such shops?

(*b*) Are the Government in receipt of petitions from such bidders praying that confirmation of such shops be not sanctioned, and, if so, what action has been taken by them on such petitions?

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(*c*) Are they aware of the fact that more than 25 per cent. of the shops were given away by the Excise Commissioner to persons who are the relatives of his subordinates?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to hold a searching enquiry into the whole matter and inform this House of the result thereof?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Excise Commissioner has reported that only the highest bids obtained for the shops at the auction sales have been accepted.

(*b*) Government have received a few petitions on the subject. The Excise Commissioner, to whom they were referred, has stated that the allegations made therein are unfounded.

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

Admission into the Law College.

29. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether admission has been refused to a large number of students to the Pleadership Class in the Law College, and, if so, why;

(*b*) the number that applied and the number admitted; and

(*c*) whether, if the number is small, the continuance of this class would be justifiable?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Admission was refused to students who were not qualified for the same under the Rules dated the 1st Vrischikam, 1099.

(*b*) The number of applications is 154 and the number admitted 42.

(*c*) Government accept the opinion of the High Court that, having regard to the number of students in the Pleadership Class, including those admitted this year, this class may be allowed to go on for the current year.

Vernacular Books supplied by Messrs. Macmillan & Co., and Longmans, Green & Co.

30. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there are mistakes and errors in printing and in other respects in the books supplied by Messrs. Macmillan and Co., and Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co., and now used in the Vernacular Schools of the State?

(*b*) Has the Inspector of Vernacular Schools made any report on this matter? If not, will the Government call for an explanation as to why he has failed to do so?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. In view of this, the latter part of the question does not arise.

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